

Richmond Dispatch.

THE CIRCULATION OF THE DISPATCH IS LARGER THAN THE COMBINED CIRCULATION OF ALL THE OTHER DAILY NEWS-PAPERS OF THE CITY.

MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 1876.

WEATHER REPORT.

THE WEATHER SATURDAY WAS cloudy and warm during the day. About midnight there was a slight shower, and later the weather was cloudy and threatening.

THE SCHOOL QUESTION.

WHERE THE CATHOLIC CHURCH STANDS—A FRIEND OF THE CONSTITUTION AND PORTABLE EDUCATION—NO INTERFERENCE WITH PROTESTANT INSTITUTIONS—ARCHBISHOP TURRELL'S LETTER.

Special Dispatch to the Baltimore Gazette.

CONVULSION, August 11.—The following are the main points in the letter of Archbishop Turrell on the school question, to which allusion was made this morning in the Associated Press dispatches. The letter is addressed to the people of the United States. The Archbishop says: The enemies of the Catholic Church assert that the bishops and clergy of the Catholic Church are hostile to the public schools of the country, and are anxious to destroy them. Americans, read our declaration and learn our intentions.

First.—The Catholic bishops and clergy are not hostile to the public schools. They are not hostile to whatever interferes with the public-school system. Build as many schools as you wish, we will never say a word against it, and we will leave to your own conscience the care of your own children.

Second.—You wish your schools to be free from religious influence. In other words, you wish them not to be sectional or sectarian. In any case, the episcopacy of the Catholic Church says in this regard: do not let your children as you please.

Third.—We Catholics, on the other hand, remember the conviction that children are to be sent to school not only to be formed into citizens, but also to be formed into good men and Christians, and the Church believes in all earnest with Guizot, the celebrated Protestant statesman of France, that education can by no means be separated from religious influence.

Fourth.—The Catholic Church is not a mere religion, but a religion of action. It is not a religion which thinks that it will make them happy for time and for eternity; therefore the Catholic people, with logical sequence, claim the protection of the government, so as not to be in the hands of their enemies.

Fifth.—We say protection. No doubt justice and equity would entitle the Catholic people of this country to exemption from taxation for the support for the schools or to a share of the public-school fund in proportion to the number of children in their schools. But since this we are disposed to waive in your favor.

Sixth.—You can have no reason to fear the effect of our system on the Commonwealth, because experience has proved that students of our colleges, academies, and schools are as good and as useful citizens as those who come out of your institutions. And if in every other branch of human instruction you admit the principle of competition and believe in its beneficial influence, why should you exclude it from education and deprive yourselves of the benefit which education would confer on you?

Seventh.—We fear that, notwithstanding this sincere, precise, and solemn declaration, there will yet be found fanatical men and political speakers who will endeavor to excite their hearers by asserting the imaginary opposition of the Catholic clergy to the public schools of the country. It is one of the misfortunes of this world that it cannot rid itself of men who, like Don Quixote, are perpetually fighting against windmills, under the plea of humiliated dignity.

Such men do not know that we repeat a thousand times that we do not oppose their schools any more than we oppose their images, or trust more to the Blessed Virgin than the merits of Christ; they will a thousand times renew the charge and bear that we do.

Eighth.—We are not in the least anxious to silence such men, but we appeal to all fair-minded citizens not to be led astray by the bigotry or ignorant ranting of men who would blind them for their own political ends. We ask no favor or privileges. All we ask is to be let alone in following the dictates of our own consciences, and to be left without undermining the Constitution and preparing the way for the loss of some freedom for yourselves. Americans, we are willing to rally with you under the flag and maintain them with our blood, as we have in the past, but we cannot believe that such men are in peril while a large number of our fellow-citizens in and out of office allow themselves to be influenced by fanatical or self-interested politicians or by indel and revolutionary foreigners who come to the United States with the purpose of teaching the American people to hate and to despise their own country.

We ask that you will not go to such men to learn what we aim at or what are our intentions. Give us a fair hearing and receive this declaration as the sincere expression of our true principles, which we have before God and man, and which by no other motive than one desire for the welfare and progress and perpetuity of our country, such as the fathers of seventy-six made it, and intended that it should remain.

Your sincere friend,  
JOHN B. TURRELL,  
Archbishop of Cincinnati, Ohio.

THE NEW TRIBUNE, in an article on the general reduction of wages in that city, states that any builder can employ as many first-class carpenters as he wants at \$15 per day, and find them grateful for the chance.

The same may be said of most of the other trades connected with building. It adds that there has been no time in the past fifteen years when building could be done in New York at so cheap a rate, and scarcely a time in that interval when there has been so little of it.

WHITE AFRICANS.

WONDERS OF THE TROPICS DEPICTED BY STANLEY, THE "HERALD" CORRESPONDENT—RACE OF PALE-FACES AND NUMBERS OF BEAUTIFUL WOMEN—A THIRTEEN POSSESSING WONDERFULLY LARGE DOGS AND WHOSE WARRIORS WEAR ARMOR.

Stanley, the Herald correspondent writing from Central Africa, says:

Our march across Uganda, west and northward, uninterrupted by any event, to reach the secret joy I felt in being once more on the move to new fields of exploration. We made a brave show of spears and guns while marching across the easy swells of pastoral Western Uganda. Game was also abundant, and twenty-seven harte beests fell victims to my love of hunting and our necessities of life.

A LOFTY CAMP.

Having arrived at the frontier of Nyoro, we made all warfare preparations, and on January 10th, 1876, we started for the north. The people died before us, leaving their provisions in their haste behind them, of which we made free use. On the 9th we camped at the base of the tremendous mountain called Kabuga, at an altitude of 5,500 feet above the sea. East of the low ridge by which we camped the Karaga river flows to the north to the east on the edge of the camp the Husingo river boomed hoarse thunder from its many cascades and falls as it rushed westward to Lake Albert. From one of the many spurs of Kabuga we obtained a passing glimpse of the King of the mountains, Garamba, which attains an altitude of between 13,000 and 15,000 feet above the ocean. Snow is frequently seen, though not perpetual. On its summit dwell the chief medicine men of Kabaga Rega, a people of European complexion.

A RACE OF SINGULARLY BEAUTIFUL WOMEN.

Some half dozen of these people I have seen, and at sight of them I was reminded of what Mukamba, King of Uzigo, told Livingston and myself respecting white people who live far north of his country. They are a handsome race, and some of the women are singularly beautiful. Their hair is kinky, but inclined to brown in color. Their features are regular, lips thin, but their noses, though well shaped, are somewhat thick at the point. Several of their descendants are scattered throughout Uganda, Ankori, and Ruanda, and the royal family of the latter country is of this race.

The Queen of Sasu Islands, in the Victoria Nyanza, is a descendant of this tribe. When came this singular people I have had no means of ascertaining, except from the legends of the land around the base of Garamba mountain, wherein through many vicissitudes they have continued to reside for centuries. On the approach of an invading host they retreat to the summit of the mountain, the intense cold and the great height rendering them invulnerable.

Two years ago Emperor Mtesa dispatched his Prime Minister with about 100,000 men to Garamba and Usongora; but though the great general of Uganda occupied the slopes and ascended a great height, he was compelled to retreat, having captured more than a few black slaves, the pale-faced tribe having retreated to their impregnable fortress at the summit.

The mountain, it appears, is an extinct volcano, for on the summit is a crystal clear lake, about 500 yards in length, from the center of which rises a tall, dark, rocky peak, the rim of iron rock, like a wall, surrounds the summit, within which are several villages, where the principal medicine-men and his people reside.

THE MEN OF THE TRIBE.

Two men of this tribe, who might be taken at first glance for Greeks in white shirts, accompanied Skjagutu, a sub-chief of the Karaga, and on Uganda; but the Lake Karaga was not on Uganda; but the men were extremely uncommunicative, and nothing of the history of their tribe could I obtain from them. Their diet consists of milk and bananas, and they were the only men of rank in the entire force under Skjagutu who possessed the milk white skin which they shared with the milk white on the march. Skjagutu, to whom they were friendly, and under whom they had enrolled themselves, states that they rebelled against Kabaga Rega, and to avoid his vengeance sought refuge with him.

Another member of this tribe of white-skinned people I saw at the Court of Mtesa in the person of Prince Namoni, the brother of the reigning King, Nyika of Garamba. When I first saw him I took him for a young Arab of Cairo, who had taken up his residence in Uganda for some unknown reason, and it was not until I had seen several specimens of the same pale color that I could believe that there existed a large and numerous tribe of people of such singular color in the heart of Africa, remote from the track of all travelers and trading caravans.

ANOTHER STRANGE TRIBE.—Africa is certainly the "haunt of light-headed fables," romance and superstition, but I shall believe hereafter that there exists some slight medium of truth in all the statements and revelations of these simple people. On the shores of the Victoria, in Usukuma, I heard of a people far more unknown to me, and it was not until I had seen several specimens of the same pale color that I could believe that there existed a large and numerous tribe of people of such singular color in the heart of Africa, remote from the track of all travelers and trading caravans.

Queen Isabella, on leaving for Spain, wrote a letter to the Archbishop of Seville, expressing thanks for the friendly reception she received during her eight years' stay in France, and begging him to convey the expression of her gratitude to the French people by means of an official communication. She intends to retain her house in Paris, and to become a widow in the view of future possible revolutions in Spain.

Sympathy for Dr. Rufus Waggoner Flint is now in vogue. His divorced wife asks the Supreme Court to compel him to pay her alimony out of gains as a spiritual medium at the same time that she exposes his evil practices and brings his "business" into disrepute. In the meantime Flint is now a man for himself out of this warrant, given under my hand this 12 day of August 1876.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.—The following are the conveyances of real estate for the week ending August 12, 1876: Lots fronting 100 feet on Goddin street, corner of Tyler, for \$550; 19 feet on Third street near Cave for \$750; 25 feet on Laurel street between D and Cumberland for \$200; 21 feet on Broad street between Twenty-first and Pleasant streets for \$900; 21 feet on Broad street, corner of Twenty-fifth, and 21 feet on Broad street near Twenty-fifth for \$2,110; 24 feet on Beverly street, corner of Belvidere, for \$1,000; 25 feet on Canal street near Foushee for \$1,500; 15 feet on Third street near Byrd for \$1,500; 15 feet on High street for \$1,115; 15 feet on Third street, corner of Broad, for \$900; 20 feet on Third street between Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth for \$2,800; 16 feet on Duval street near Brook Avenue for \$400; 21 feet on St. John street, corner of Federal, for \$1,100; 17 feet on Fourth street between E and J, and 30 feet on Cherry street near Canal for \$625.

THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—The work of rebuilding the walls of the Third Presbyterian church, Powhatan, on Wednesday at 12 o'clock. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Winfree, an immense crowd being present. The Association organized by electing L. R. Chiles moderator and J. L. Dorset clerk. The subjects brought before the body elicited

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